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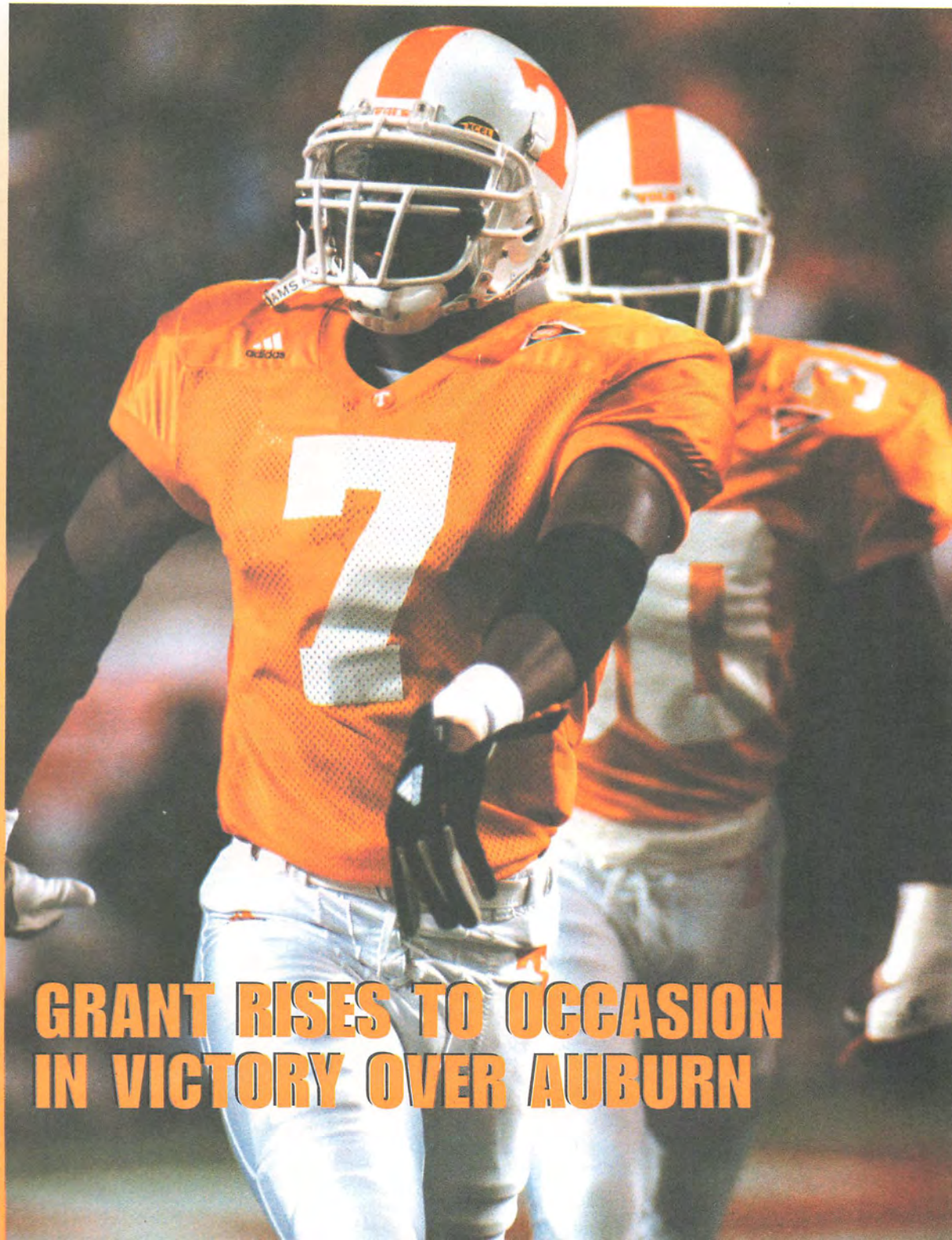

GRANT RISES TO OCCASION IN VICTORY OVER AUBURN

T CLUB

UPDATE ON WALL OF FAME

I am pleased to announce the contract for the construction of our Wall of Fame has been awarded to Charles Hobson Company, a Knoxville construction firm. While we believe we have sufficient funds to begin initial construction, there is still a need for additional funds. As a matter of fact, there will be an ongoing need for funds in order to provide the necessary maintenance and addition of names each year. We will be establishing an endowment fund to generate monies to be used for the continued maintenance and engraving of additional names. Please keep us in mind when you wish to make contributions and remember this is a 100% deductible donation.

We are not in a position to release the exact amount of the construction cost at this time because we must purchase an entire section of marble to be used for future additions to The Wall. This will be an expense in addition to the contractor's bid. We believe it is prudent to go ahead and make this purchase at this time so that the marble sections will all be matching. Whatever funds we have left after construction will go to the endowment fund.

Our continuing goal is to have each and every living letterman be a part of this project. I encourage you to make your contribution if you have not already done so. No amount is too small for the Wall.

Gordon Polofsky, Chairman
The Wall of Fame Committee

BITS AND PIECES

Meet your Officers and Board Members. (We will be spotlighting officers and board members in the next several issues)

GREG WATTS is a native of Knoxville having grown up in South Knoxville. He was graduated from Doyle High School in 1983 before coming to UT as a member of the golf team from 1983-87. He served as a student assistant golf coach in 1987-88 while completing his bachelor's degree in business administration. He was co-owner with his father Larry Watts of Watts Electric from 1988-1996 before deciding to leave the family business in order to pursue a different career. He is now an outside sales associate for Roden Electrical Supply Company. Gregg has been married to the former Tracy Crutchfield, a teacher at Foothills Elementary School, since 1991 and they are the parents of Leslie, who is 5-years-old and John, who is 2-years-old.

DON BOSCH came to UT in 1981 from St. Louis, Mo. He was a member and letterman on the swim team coached by Ray Bussard. He graduated with honors in 1985 and attended law school immediately thereafter. While in law school he coached The University Club Summer League swim team, along with area high schools and USS swim clubs. He remains active in the swimming community, as well as maintains a law practice, specializing in criminal defense, in downtown Knoxville. He is married to the former Maureen Scanlon. Don serves on the boards of a number of area organizations and is currently the legal analyst for WBIR TV and a regular panelist on their community affairs show, "Inside Tennessee."

Lettermen's Fall Weekend - The annual fall lettermen's weekend is slated for Nov. 26-27. A few tickets also remain to the Tennessee vs Vanderbilt football game. Lettermen may obtain tickets by calling Judy Constantine, (423) 974-9054, and providing a credit card number or forwarding a check.

Membership - September is the month to renew your membership in the "T" Club.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

THE FUTURE

As many of you know, the "T" Club was "resurrected" in 1993 under the leadership of then- President Jim "Cowboy" Hill. Since that time, the "T" Club has been a thriving and growing organization with more than 1200 members. However, many of you may not know that versions of the "T" Club have been around much longer. Pat Shires related he has pictures of the 1937 "T" Club in his home. Several stories of spring dances and other outings rumble through the Lettermen's room every football Saturday. There is even a story about Bob Davis turning over a $4,000 bank account to the new version of the "T" Club, after it had been dormant for many years.

History is great, but where is this club going? Well, I can tell you it is going to new and exciting places that promise to make this group the premier lettermen's alumni association in the country. And it can only get there with your support and participation.

The "T" Club endeavors to provide members with a number of benefits. A joke goes around the Board on a regular basis during our lunches at Gibbs Hall, with members of the athletic department reminding some of us that we are no longer on scholarship. This is always said in reference to the amount of food we manage to heap on our trays. Unfortunately, the days of youth and unlimited calorie intake are gone, as is evidenced by our waistlines. Nonetheless, the "T" Club has been able to provide to its members season football tickets, a number of wonderful get-to-togethers each year, a fabulous room in which to meet and this humble page in which to communicate. As the title of this column implies, we have big plans for the future. For example, many of you are familiar with the fall and spring lettermen's weekends, which include a brunch in the fall, on-field activities at a late-season home football game, and our annual meeting. The spring weekend includes a golf tournament, our attendance at the spring football game, and our picnic at the McCord estate. We are trying to add a summer event. In the works is a pool party at the Aquatic Center featuring food, music and family events along with a diving demonstration by Coach Dave Parrington's divers.

Also in the planning stages is a commitment to hold at least one or two events a year in other cities. We have had many request from lettermen asking that we have a dinner, golf tournament, etc., in places such as Nashville, Memphis or Atlanta. Additionally, to increase participation from our lettermen within those cities, we are adding regional representatives to the Board. The initial thoughts are to ask for lettermen representatives from Middle and West Tennessee and the Southeast (Atlanta and Charlotte) so that the voices of even more former UT athletes are heard.

There are so many activities that we are trying to undertake. Some of you may recall the new lettermen's service award that was created last year. In a fitting and appropriate gesture, the first recipient was Bill Anderson. His service to the University, as the "co-voice" of the Vols was immense. By the way, neither Tim Priest nor Jeff francis have begun lobbying for the award, and despite their fine early efforts, they'll have many years before they catch Bill. We hope to find deserving letter-winners in the future on which to bestow this honor.

By now everyone knows of *The Wall.* However, what many of you don't know is our further effort to fund the upkeep and repair as necessary of *The Wall. The Wall's* legacy, as well as its maintenance, will forever belong to this organization.

There are so many other things for which this organization has begun to lay the ground work. A proposal is under review to fund a post-graduate scholarship for lettermen. This organization has and continues to make sustaining commitment to the student-athletes of this University by its support of the new academic facility. Job networking for graduated lettermen has become a high priority of this organization. Who better to help the athletic graduates of this University than those that have come before them

These are just a taste of the future of our club. We need and we must have your input and support. Feel free to submit any suggestions, comments or other ideas to the "T" Club. Our Board meetings are lively and they certainly will be discussed.

Enjoy life and GO BIG ORANGE!

Don Bosch

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THE FIRST WORD . . .

CHAMPS Program

It might not quite be another national championship per se, but don't let that fool you. The Tennessee CHAMPS/Life Skills program was recently one of the six schools honored with a Program of Excellence Award from the NCAA for 1999. The award is given annually to any school that displays excellence in meeting the five components of a student-athlete's total development: academic, athletic, career, personal and community service.

Men's Program Director Vince Martin is proud Tennessee's commitment to the total development of the student-athlete has finally been recognized.

"I consider UT athletics one of the best in the country at providing support to student-athletes," Martin said. "This award recognizes what we've been doing. It gives people the opportunity to realize that these things are being done for student-athletes."

The award was based on the combined efforts of the men's and women's student life offices. Both had to produce volumes of information detailing their support systems in place for student-athletes. More than 30 schools proffered information detailing their support services. Lady Vol Assistant Athletic Director Kerry Howland was ecstatic about the recognition.

"It is extremely fulfilling to be recognized as a program of excellence, because we have always taken care of our student-athletes in the area of life skills," she said. "This speaks volumes for our future and our national reputation."

Yet even while achieving tremendous success, neither Howland nor Martin appear to be falling into complacency. Martin pointed to several areas of the Life Skills program he hopes Tennessee can improve upon, such as better relationships in the community and better job opportunities for graduates.

Improvement must be accompanied by collaboration and cooperation. The recognition Tennessee has received is the by-product of many facets of the department working together to provide the ideal environment for student-athletes. The award is as much a recognition of the Tennessee philosophy as it is a specific program.

"Our ability to get better as a department and as a program is contingent on involvement of everyone in the entire department," Martin said. "The success of CHAMPS/Like Skills hinges on all parties taking an active part. You have to have people recognizing where they fit into student-athlete support."

Martin and Howland clearly understand their roles as the leaders of one of the most successful CHAMPS/LifeSkills programs in the country. Martin, Howland and the rest of the Tennessee family have constructed a healthy and productive program that prepares student-athletes for life after college and after athletics.

Too often in today's sports world athletes and fans focus excessively on athletic success and neglect to emphasize the total personal development of the student-athlete. Tennessee is one of the leaders in trying to combat that sentiment.

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Vols 24, Tigers 0...

Vols Get Defensive in Win Over Auburn

Shields-Watkins Field, Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 2, 1999 (Game No. 1033, 693-287-53, .697)

With apologies to Yogi Berra, this one was over before it really began. Vol defensive back Deon Grant, who had three interceptions, eight tackles, and a broken-up pass, returned one of his interceptions for a score on the game's first play.

With that momentum, the Vols never looked back en route to a 24-0 victory over Auburn that was never really in doubt. The Vols put up a score in every quarter and, while it was never easy, the good guys kept the game's momentum on their side.

"During practice this week, Coach Slade was telling us to watch out for that play," Grant said. "We noticed on film that when they lined up in that formation they ran that little bubble route to the side where the man went in motion. I turned around and the ball was right there."

(The Vols will not see the Tigers again for another eight years, with the possible exception being in the SEC Championship Game sometime during the next few years.)

Travis Henry scored twice in the second half on runs of 1 and 34 yards and Alex Walls added a 22-yard field goal just before halftime. Henry made a nifty move to get into the wide open spaces for his fourth-quarter touchdown and talked about it after the game.

"I looked at the defensive back and he hesitated like he didn't want to hit me," Henry said. "I knew if I gave him a look he was going to dive. That's what he did and I got around him and scored."

With the win, the Vols are 5-0-1 in contests against the Tigers since 1989.

More importantly, perhaps, Alabama's 40-39 overtime victory at Florida had a salutary impact on the SEC East standings and made next week's contest with Georgia all the more important.

Tennessee defenders, a tough bunch all night, squeezed the Tiger offensive attack to 75 yards rushing and 147 pass-

Travis Henry (20) moves goalward behind the blocking of Fred Weary (70). Henry had two second half scores for the Vols in their 24-0 victory.

ing. Will Overstreet and John Henderson had sacks and Shaun Ellis had two lost-yardage tackles. Grant, Dominique Stevenson, Raynoch Thompson, Teddy Gaines, Darwin Walker, Billy Ratliff, Albert Haynesworth and Judd Granzow had lost-yardage tackles.

"The shutout is big," Overstreet said. "Scoring and pitching a shutout are the biggest things a defense can do. You don't do it very often and when you do, it is something special."

The defense took control of this game from the start.

"The defense tried to come out and set the tempo with a lot of pressure," linebacker Eric Westmoreland said. "We talked all week about swarming to the football and that's what we did."

For the second-straight season, the Vols shocked the Tigers on the game's first series.

Last year, it was a 90-yard interception return by Ellis as the Tigers moved goalward. This year, it was Grant's pick before many in the crowd of 106,424 at Gen. Neyland's Stadium had settled in their seats.

"When the crowd got loud, the quarter-

Bernard Jackson (56) gets after Tiger runner Clifton Robinson (15).

WHAT OTHERS SAID...

"A late-arriving Tennessee offense left Deon Grant to hold down the fort Saturday night. He did, and together they added up to a 24-0 victory over Auburn. Grant's three first-half interceptions – one for a touchdown on the game's first snap - kept the Tigers at bay until the Vols quit stumbling and bumbling long enough to put some offensive points on the scoreboard."

Mike Strange, Knoxville News-Sentinel

"All those legions of the orange who came to Neyland Stadium last night waiting on the Tennessee offense to explode are still waiting. An offensive showcase it was not. But it was a win. And given what's transpired in Vol Land the past week, Tennessee's 24-0 victory over Auburn was a sight for sore eyes on Rocky Top."

Chris Low, The Tennessean

"Deon Grant got to the ball quicker than Cinderella's sisters. On the first play from scrimmage Saturday night, the Tennessee free safety jumped in front of Auburn quarterback Jeff Klein's attempted flanker screen, made the interception and raced 19 yards for a touchdown. Just like that, 14 seconds into Saturday's game, Grant had made his statement. But it was only the beginning for the gifted junior from Augusta, Ga., as he picked off two other passes in the first half and nearly had a fourth. For all intents and purposes, he was Klein's favorite target on the night."

Stephen Hargis, Chattanooga Times & Free Press

"Deion Sanders' nickname is Prime Time. Tennessee's Deon Grant lacks an i, but certainly looked like a ready-for-prime-time player Saturday night. Grant tied a school record with three interceptions as the Volunteers overcame another inconsistent performance from their offense to blank Southeastern Conference rival Auburn 24-0 in front of 106,424 at Neyland Stadium. On an evening when Tennessee managed just a touchdown and field goal from five ventures inside the Tigers' 10-yard line, the Vols had Grant, and that was just about all they needed."

Bucky Dent, Bristol Herald Courier

"Whatever chance Auburn had to upset Tennessee Saturday night at Neyland Stadium virtually vanished on the first play of the game. It was no secret to anybody on either side that Jeff Klein, Auburn's lanky redshirt freshman quarterback, needed something good to take place right from the start. What he got instead was the worst thing that could've possibly happened. On Auburn's first snap from scrimmage, Klein hurried what seemed to be a safe throw into the right flat in the general direction of wide receiver Reggie Worthy. But Deon Grant, Tennessee's junior free safety from Augusta, Ga., flashed in front of Worthy, intercepted the pass on a dead run and ran 19 yards to the end zone."

John Pruett, Huntsville Times

"Do not adjust your television. What you saw from Neyland Stadium was live and not the worst moments in Auburn football history, circa 1998. It only looked that way. Just like last year, Tennessee intercepted an Auburn pass early in the first quarter, returned it for a touchdown and punched cruise control after that. There was nothing fancy about the No. 7 Vols' 24-0 win over Auburn before a crowd of 106,424 fans."

Paul Gattis, Decatur Daily

"A week that began with possible scandal and definite despair ended in jubilation for Tennessee, which defeated Auburn 24-0 on Saturday night and re-energized its dream of winning a third consecutive SEC title. The victory was properly enjoyed by most of the 106,424 at Neyland Stadium. But the biggest roar of the night was for Alabama's stunning 40-39 overtime victory against Florida earlier in the day at Gainesville. Because now, for the first time since Tennessee's 23-21 loss at Florida on Sept. 18, the Volunteers have hope."

Tony Barnhart, Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Vols defense stifles Tigers in 24-0 shutout...

back was telegraphing some of his checks and messing up," Grant said. "I would like to thank the crowd for that."

It was the first time the Vols had scored on the game's opening play since Peyton Manning and Joey Kent hooked up for an 80-yard score on the first play of the Tennessee-Alabama game way back in 1995.

Cedrick Wilson caught six passes for 112 yards and Henry carried 13 times for 84 yards to pace the Vols offensively.

David Leaverton punted four times for a 43.8 yard average and knocked one kick dead at the Tiger 2. The Vols played the field position game perfectly and would have made the General proud the way they defended their ground all night so resolutely.

The Tiger defense gave the Vols problems most of the evening, but could not overcome the disadvantage of a 33:09 Tennessee time of possession. The Vols kept the ball much of the time, and when the Tigers did get it, it was deep in their own territory.

Auburn got it as close as the Vol 32 before a Grant interception and as close as the UT 16 before a field goal attempt at the north end went astray.

Grant wowed press box railbirds with his three picks in the first half and a break-up of a pass off a fake punt on which he made up ground quickly enough to save the day for the Vols. It was a major league play by a major league free safety.

The last Vol to have three oskies in a single game was Preston Warren back in 1988 against Boston College.

Other Vols with three picks in a game include Bob Lund (1948 North Carolina), J.W. Sherrill (1949 Kentucky), Albert Dorsey (1967 Alabama), Bill Young (1968 Rice), Tim Priest (1970 Alabama) and Chris White (1985 UCLA). Grant joined an impressive group with his performance, which was also impressive to say the least.

The Vols lost in winning, however, losing defensive tackle and captain Billy Ratliff for the season with a leg injury.

"I'm so sad for Billy," defensive coordinator John Chavis said. "He is a great person, a great individual and a great football player. It will be tough replacing him. We have had to deal with injuries in the past and we'll have to deal with this one."

"I HAVE BEEN HUNGRY FOR THE LAST THREE GAMES. I GOT MY OPPORTUNITY AND MADE THE MOST OF IT. I LOOKED AT THE DEFENSIVE BACK AND HE HESITATED LIKE HE DIDN'T WANT TO HIT ME. I KNEW IF I GAVE HIM A LOOK HE WAS GOING TO DIVE. THAT'S WHAT HE DID AND I GOT AROUND HIM AND SCORED."

--RUNNING BACK TRAVIS HENRY ON HIS FOURTH QUARTER TD RUN

Freshman tailback Onterrio Smith made a late appearance, rushing six times for 30 yards and showing some spark with the ball under his arm.

EXTRA POINTS: Vol lettermen, led by the indefatigable Al Rotella, will have lunch Oct. 14 at Ramsey's Cafeteria at noon... Willie Miles had his first career interception in the fourth quarter... The attendance of 106,424 marked the 15th consecutive sellout for the Vols... Grant's interception return for a TD was the first for the Vols since Dwayne Goodrich did likewise against Florida State in the 1999 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl... Grant leads the nation with 1.5 interceptions per game... Stevenson has a tackle for loss in each of the Vols' four games this season... The Vols have now won four in a row for the first time in the series... The Vols had previously shut out Auburn in 1929 (27-0), 1938 (7-0), 1939 (7-0), 1959 (3-0), 1973 (21-0) and 1980 (42-0).

--Volunteers Magazine Staff

Jamal Lewis (31) moves ahead for some of his 64 yards on the night against Auburn. Lewis' yardage came on 19 carries.

Division	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
EAST				
Georgia	2	0	4	0
Florida	2	1	4	1
Tennessee	1	1	3	1
Kentucky	1	1	3	2
Vanderbilt	1	2	3	2
S. Carolina	0	3	0	5
WEST				
Alabama	3	0	4	1
Miss. State	2	0	5	0
Ole Miss	2	1	4	1
Auburn	1	2	3	2
Arkansas	0	2	2	2
LSU	0	2	2	2

(As of Oct. 3)

SEC Scores

LSU Tigers 22
Georgia Bulldogs 23

Ole Miss Rebels 36
South Carolina Gamecocks 10

Mississippi State Bulldogs 42
Vanderbilt Commodores 14

Alabama Crimson Tide 40
Florida Gators 39 OT

Arkansas Razorbacks 20
Kentucky Wildcats 31

RANKINGS (AP & USA Today/ESPN): UT 8 & 7, AU Not Ranked

GAME NOTES

With six catches for 112 yards, Cedrick Wilson topped the 1000-yard mark for his career with 1028 yards. It was his second 100-yard game of 1999 and third of his career. He ranks ninth in the country with 109.5 yards per game and leads the SEC.

With 220 passing yards tonight, Tee Martin now has 3123 career passing yards. He now ranks 10th on UT's career passing charts, having passed Condredge Holloway who had 3102 yards.

The last time Tennessee shut out an opponent came in 1998 against Vanderbilt, 41-0.

The Vols have won 17 consecutive games at home, including 12 straight against the SEC.

Statistics - Tennessee vs. Auburn

Team Statistics	T	AU
First Downs	21	14
Rushing	10	5
Passing	10	8
Penalty	1	1
Rushing Attempts	46	27
Yards Gained	219	114
Yards Lost	38	39
Net Yards Rushing	181	75
Net Yards Passing	220	147
Passes Attempted	27	30
Passes Completed	16	15
Had Intercepted	3	4
Total Offensive Plays	73	57
Total Net Yards	401	222
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Int. Return-Yards	4-58	3-14
Penalties-Yards	9-69	7-56
Third Down Conversions	4-12	4-12
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	0-1
Punts-Average	4-43.8	6-38.2
Punt Returns-Yards	5-21	2-3
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	3-64
Sacks By-Yards	3-17	2-11
Time of Possession	33:09	26:51

SCORE BY QUARTERS

AUBURN	0	0	0	0 —	0
TENNESSEE	7	3	7	7 —	24

SCORING SUMMARY

1T - Grant, interception return 19. Walls kick.
Drive: 14:46 on clock.
2T - Walls, FG 22.
Drive: 43 yards, 9 plays, 3:13 possession, 0:13 on clock.
3T - Henry, run 1. Walls kick.
Drive: 48 yards, 9 plays, 4:34 possession, 8:10 on clock.
4T - Henry, run 34. Walls kick.
Drive: 45 yards, 3 plays, 1:16 possession, 4:34 on clock.

TENNESSEE INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING	Att	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Lg
Henry	13	87	3	84	2	34
Lewis	19	68	4	64	0	14
Smith	6	32	2	30	0	14
T. Martin	5	24	11	13	0	17
L. Scott	1	8	0	8	0	8
Crosby	1	0	0	0	0	0
Team	1	0	18	-18	0	0
Totals	***46***	***219***	***38***	***181***	***2***	***34***

PASSING	Att	Comp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
T. Martin	27	16	3	220	0	39
Totals	***27***	***16***	***3***	***220***	***0***	***39***

RECEIVING	No	Yds	TD	Lg
C. Wilson	6	112	0	39
Lewis	3	46	0	23
D. Martin	2	17	0	19
Graham	2	17	0	12
Parker	1	20	0	20
Stallworth	1	11	0	11
Henry	1	-3	0	0
Totals	***16***	***220***	***0***	***39***

PUNTING	No	Yds	Avg	LP
Leaverton	4	175	43.8	53
Totals	***4***	***175***	***43.8***	***53***

PUNT RET.	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Parker	5	21	4.2	0	13
Totals	***5***	***21***	***4.2***	***0***	***13***

KO RET.	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Totals					

INT RET.	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Grant	3	47	1	28
Miles	1	11	0	11
Totals	***4***	***58***	***1***	***28***

FGS	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+LK
Walls	1-1				22
Totals	***1-1***				***22***

AUBURN INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING	Att	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Lg
C. Robinson	20	85	20	65	0	28
Williams	3	20	2	18	0	11
Worthy	1	9	0	9	0	9
Klein	3	0	17	-17	0	0
Totals	***27***	***114***	***39***	***75***	***0***	***28***

PASSING	Att	Comp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
Klein	29	15	4	147	0	30
Duval	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	***30***	***15***	***4***	***147***	***0***	***30***

RECEIVING	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Daniels	4	61	0	30
Worthy	4	33	0	9
T. Robinson	3	15	0	14
Evans	2	28	0	19
C. Robinson	1	6	0	6
Cooper	1	4	0	4
Totals	***15***	***147***	***0***	***30***

PUNTING	No	Yds	Avg	LP
Duval	4	153	38.3	42
Manno	2	76	38.0	39
Totals	***6***	***229***	***38.2***	***42***

PUNT RET.	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Cooper	2	3	1.5	0	3
Totals	***2***	***3***	***1.5***	***0***	***3***

KO RET.	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
T. Robinson	2	47	23.5	0	29
Cooper	1	17	17.0	0	17
Totals	***3***	***64***	***21.3***	***0***	***29***

INT RET.	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Kelly	1	2	0	2
Pate	1	0	0	0
Trone	1	12	0	12
Totals	***3***	***14***	***0***	***12***

FGS	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+LK
Duval		0-1			
Totals		***0-1***			

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AUBURN GAME 1999

There were two things I wanted out of the Auburn game when we took the field Saturday night at Neyland Stadium.

First and foremost, as always, was a victory. The 24-0 defeat of the Tigers took care of that. A shutout is any coach's dream, and I know the defensive staff and players were delighted that the Tigers never crossed our goal.

Second, and nearly as important, I wanted to see the improvement in our offense. Through our first three games, I believed our attack was out of sync. While I still see lots of room for improvement, I could tell we have made a lot of good strides.

No, we weren't perfect, not by a long shot, but if we are better today than we were yesterday, and if we're better tomorrow than we were today, I'm convinced we are heading in the right direction.

Against a tough challenge by Auburn, there is no doubt we moved toward reaching our potential. I felt good all week about how our team was handling itself. We had good zip in our practices, beginning with Monday's workout and continuing through the full week's preparation.

Despite the distraction that could have developed last week, our team bonded in the face of the potential adversity and stuck together. I have great confidence in Coach Doug Dickey and our administration. They see to it that we are a program of integrity. I didn't have to be involved in the situation, which allowed me to give my full attention to preparing for the Auburn Tigers.

What can you say abut Deon Grant other than he is a great player and a real ball hawk? It was incredible that he was able to record three interceptions. The first one produced a touchdown on the opening play of the game. It brought back thoughts of last year's game when Shaun Ellis intercepted a pass on Auburn's first possession and ran for a touchdown. Deon also had eight tackles.

The defense played great to get a shutout against a team that had been averaging 27 points per game and had been held to no less than 17. We didn't do a lot to puzzle Jeff Klein. We played more zone and didn't pressure him as much because of their misdirection plays, which they were able to beat us on a few times.

Tee Martin played another fine game directing our offense, but he got hit too often again. It's amazing he can play so well in the face of tremendous pressure. Except for his interceptions, he was definitely on against the Tigers.

Travis Henry, who had 84 yards rushing, is the perfect complement for Jamal Lewis, who had 64 yards. Lewis and Henry make a nifty one-two combination and now could be joined by a third standout at tailback. Onterrio Smith, who came to UT from Sacramento, Calif., picked up 30 yards on six carries in his Vol debut. Onterrio runs in an exciting style and should be a good addition to our running backs corps.

It's a big disappointment that Billy Ratliff broke a bone in his leg and will miss the rest of the season. Billy has been plagued by injuries, but he kept bouncing back and gave everything he had for the Vols.

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—Phillip Fulmer

I believe Albert Haynesworth and John Henderson will respond well, now that they must step up and carry a bigger part of the load at defensive tackle.

Our fans were in rare form for this Auburn game. They made Neyland Stadium a tough place for the Tigers to play. I hope they contribute to our home field advantage again this week when undefeated Georgia comes to the Home of the Vols.

—Phillip Fulmer

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Ben Byrd on the Vols...

Vols and Tigers Renew 43-Year Rivalry

It was just like old times. The Auburn Tigers invaded Neyland Stadium this past Saturday for the first time since 1991, bringing with them a heavy dose of nostalgia for those of us who followed the Tennessee-Auburn series when it was one of the greatest rivalries in college football.

Beginning in 1956, the Vols and Tigers waged annual battles, always in the early season, many of which rank among the greatest duels in SEC football history. The series was interrupted after 36 seasons not because either school wanted it that way, but because of the conference realignment in 1992. The Vols were assigned to the SEC Eastern Division while the Plainsmen were put into the SEC West.

The series featured some of the great names in SEC grid annals. Shug Jordan. Bowden Wyatt. John Majors. Pat Sullivan. Doug Dickey. Condredge Holloway. Bill Battle. Pat Dye. Bo Jackson. Tony Robinson. As often as not, the winner went on to a triumphant season while the loser had to regroup and face the future with one strike against him.

It all started in Birmingham at Legion Field the afternoon of Sept. 29, 1956. Wyatt was in his second season as Tennessee coach, and the wily Jordan in his seventh year at the Tiger helm. I have seen Tennessee teams play some marvelous games down through the years, but I don't know that any Vol team has ever been as close to perfection as that one 43 years ago.

With tailback Majors, backfield mates Tommy Bronson and Bill Anderson and end Buddy Cruze leading the way, the Vols hung a 35-7 defeat on a strong Auburn team. There exists a picture somewhere that says more about the Vols on that day than a thousand words could. It shows Majors scoring on the old single wing No. 10 off-tackle play while his blockers flattened every Tiger defender within range.

But if Vol followers were lulled into thinking that the Plainsmen were going to serve as opening day patsies for their heroes, they were dead wrong. The Plainsmen invaded Knoxville the following year and pulled off a 7-0 triumph. And in 1958, with most of Tennessee's key men of the previous two seasons gone, they added insult to injury, holding the Vols to no first downs in a 13-0 conquest at Birmingham.

The early 1960s found the Vols gnashing their teeth in frustration as the Tigers won four consecutive decisions by a grand total of 11 points. It was 24-21 in '61, 22-21 in '62, 23-19 in '63 and 3-0 in '64. It was this period, I think, that gave the rivalry its sharp edge. Up to then Tennessee had reserved its keenest feelings for longtime traditional rivals Alabama, Kentucky and Vanderbilt but, after those four straight heartbreakers, the Auburn series took on a life of its own.

Side issues helped fan the flames. Jordan did not think much of the Vols' Tartan Turf when the artificial grass was introduced in the late '60s. He called it a "Brillo pad." And he didn't think very much of the Tennessee walking horse, either, after one of them did a number in front of his bench during pre-game ceremonies. But young Vol coach Bill Battle really ruffled Shug's feathers in the Vols' 21-0 victory at Neyland Stadium in 1973. A heavy rain turned the artificial turf into a banana peel, and rather than risk a fumble and jeopardizing his lead, Battle had his team punt on first down in the fourth quarter.

"What was that all about?," Jordan stormed later, in the dressing room. He thought his youthful rival was rubbing it in.

Both sides had their great moments in the raging rivalry. I thought that one of the best-executed Auburn performances was in its 10-6 upset win over the Vols at Birmingham in 1972. On the Tigers' winning touchdown drive, the same back, Terry Henley, carried the ball on the same play, the sprint draw, on 15 out of the 16 snaps as the Plainsmen covered some 80 yards and ate up half the quarter doing it.

The greatest Tennessee win over Auburn, for my money, happened in 1985. Seldom has there been such attention turned toward an early season game as that one attracted. The Vols had opened up two weeks earlier by blowing a big lead in a 26-26 tie with UCLA. Now they had to face the greatest running back of his era, Auburn's Bo Jackson.

But the Vols had a major weapon of their own in Tony Robinson, and I have never seen a better Tennessee quarterback than Tony was on that day. His pinpoint passes swept the Vols off to a 24-0 lead in the first half, and by the time it ended 38-20 in the Vols' favor, he had passed for 259 yards and four TDs. Meanwhile, the Vol defense stopped Jackson cold, and the Heisman Trophy winner had to sit out the last quarter with a leg injury.

Auburn finished on top in that 36-game stretch, 19-15-2 and is one of only two teams to hold a lead (22-20-3) over the Vols in a long-term rivalry. (Alabama is the other). In all of its 103 years of college football, Tennessee has had fewer fiercer rivals than the warriors from the Loveliest Village, and it was good to see them back in town, if only for a day.

Former Vol

Andy Spiva

(1973-76)

When they call the roll of the great Tennessee linebackers, the name Andy Spiva will have to be near the top of the list. He was a two-time All-SEC selection and was co-captain (along with Larry Seivers) of the 1976 team.

Spiva holds the career tackles record at Tennessee with 547 hits (354 tackles and 193 assists), 134 ahead of Jamie Rotella (1970-72). He caused seven fumbles in the 1975 season, 14 for his career.

'Andy was a coach's dream," his coach at Tennessee, Bill Battle, said. "He was one of the hardest hitters and one of the most intense football players I've ever been around."

He broke into the Vol starting lineup as a freshman in 1973 and held down a starting position for the rest of his career.

Spiva died in a car accident April 3, 1979, in Atlanta while a member of the Atlanta Falcons.

Since that time, the Andy Spiva Award is presented to the most improved defensive player in spring practice in his honor and memory.

Andy Spiva made his mark on Volunteer football as a linebacker from 1973-76.

Carey Falls in Consolation Quarterfinals

Tennessee's run at the T. Rowe Price ITA Clay Court Championships in Baltimore, Md., came to an end as Adam Carey lost his match in the quarterfinal round of the main draw Sept. 25.

Carey lost to Tom Dalby of UAB 6-2, 6-0. Before being eliminated from the consolation bracket, Carey had captured two big wins. The unranked sophomore from Brisbane, Australia, defeated 18th-ranked James Shortall of Mississippi and 19th-ranked Peter Luczak of Fresno State.

Tennessee's next matches were to involve split squads at the inaugural World Team Tennis National Collegiate Championships in Stanford, Calif., and the Kentucky Invitational Tournament in Lexington, Ky.

Vol Harriers Finish Second

The men's cross country team took second-place honors at the San Ball Invitational hosted by Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. North Carolina State tallied 17 points to the Vols' 102 for top team honors. The Wolfpack also captured four of the top five positions in taking the meet.

The lone spot not taken by the Wolfpack came from the Vols' Anthony Famiglietti, who finished the 8K course in 24 minutes and 41.2 seconds to take third place. Brad Leach and Jon Jamison finished 13th and 18th respectively, as the Vols placed three runners in the top 20.

The Vols will be in action again Oct. 9 at the Furman Invitational in Greenville, S.C.

Soccer Program Drops Two SEC Contests

The Lady Vol soccer team aimed to defeat the Kentucky Wildcats for the first time in the program's history Sept. 24. However, head coach Charlie MacCabe's squad saw its offensive woes continue as the Orange and White dropped its fourth match in a row, 3-0.

In addition, the defeat marked the third time in the past four contests Tennessee has been shut out.

The meltdown continued the following day as instate rival Vanderbilt defeated UT 3-1 to extend the losing streak to five games, and second straight SEC loss.

With the setbacks, the Lady Vols are now 3-6 overall and 2-2 in SEC action.

Lady Vols Open Conference Play with Win

In Southeastern Conference play for both schools, the Tennessee Lady Vol volleyball team defeated the Georgia Bulldogs, 3-1 (15-13, 15-9, 8-15, 15-11) Sept. 24 in Athens, Ga.

The win was only the fourth for the Orange and White in Athens since 1986, and the first since 1996. The victory also marked only the third time this decade that the Lady Vols have started conference play with a win.

Following the victory, the Lady Vols improved to 6-6 on the year and 1-0 in the SEC, while the Bulldogs fell to 3-6 and 0-1 in conference play.

The following day the Lady Vols were not as successful as they fell to South Carolina after winning the opening game. They lost 15-13, 9-15, 9-15, 2-15 to fall to 1-1 in SEC play and 6-7 overall. The Gamecocks improved to 8-4, and 2-0 in SEC action.

Lady Vol Golfers Finish Third

The Lady Vol golf team completed play at the Saugahatchee Country Club in Auburn, Ala., where Tennessee took part in the Auburn Tiger Derby Invitational. Tennessee fired rounds of 296-309-308--913 to take third Sept. 21.

No. 3/1 Georgia claimed the team title, carding a 886 on the par 72, 6,049-yard layout. Tournament host No. 7/9 Auburn took second, ending just nine strokes ahead of the No. 14/10 Lady Vols. The Tigers' Kami Smith held onto the lead for the individual title and finished even par.

Sophomore Young-A Yang (Tae-Gu City, South Korea) remained in fourth place with a final-round 76, and entered the clubhouse seven-over (223). Tina Schneeberger (WR-Neustadt, Austria), after firing a career-low 70 in the first round, concluded the event in a tie for 14th (228). Rounding out the Lady Vol lineup were freshman Erin Simmons (The Woodlands, Texas) in a tie for 29th (233), sophomore Carrie Cole (Mansfield, Texas) who tied for 32nd (234) and junior Anna Umemura (Honolulu), who ended tied for 46th (240). Freshman Rosanna Zernatto competed as an individual during the tournament. She finished tied for 39th in her collegiate debut (236).

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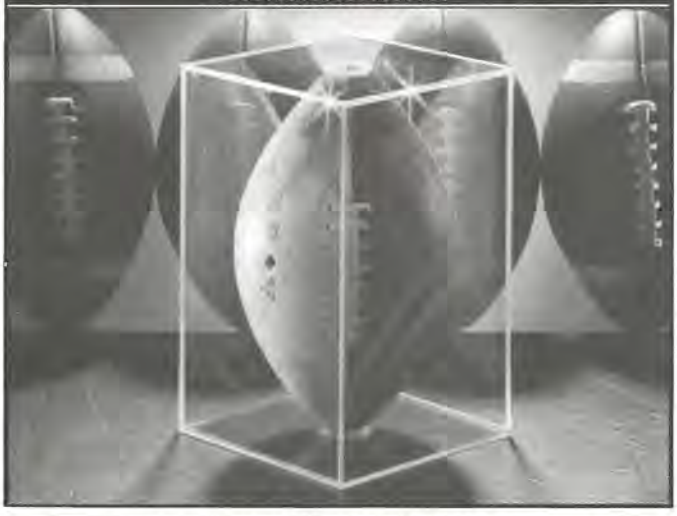

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This Week In Big Orange Country

TENNESSEE GOLF SQUAD TO HOST 12TH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Collegiate golfers across the southeastern United States are gearing up for the 1999 Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions. The tournament, part of the Rolex Collegiate tour, will play host to 15 of the finest teams in the region Oct. 10 until Oct. 12.

The event will be held at the Holston Hills Country Club, a 6,932-yard, par 72 course. Holston, a newly renovated course, has played host to seven men's and four women's Tennessee state amateur championships, two State Opens, five Southern Amateurs and two NCAA championships among other PGA events. Holston Hills, in its eleventh hosting of the TOC, is rated among the top five courses in Tennessee by *Golf Digest*.

The TOC schedule calls for 36 holes of amateur golf to be played Oct. 8 and Oct. 10, followed by 54 holes of collegiate competition. The first and second rounds of the collegiate tournament will be played Monday and the final 18 holes come Tuesday followed by an awards ceremony.

The participating teams will participate in a practice round to be played Oct. 10 after registration.

The hosting Volunteers, in their second of only two in-state tournaments during the 1999-2000 season, will attempt to top a talented field of 15. The participating teams include Alabama, Augusta State, Florida State, Furman, Georgia Southern, Georgia State, LSU, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, North Carolina State, North Florida, South Alabama, Southeastern Louisiana, Tennessee and Virginia.

Four of the 15 teams are ranked in the top 25 of the Master Card Collegiate Golf Ranking's latest poll. North Florida (No. 19), N.C. State (No. 20), Mississippi State (No. 21), and Augusta State (No. 25) are among the list for the Sept. 1 edition of the Master Card rankings.

"I believe all of the teams in the TOC are comparable from top to bottom, and are capable of winning the tournament," said Tennessee Head Golf Coach Jim Kelson. "However I think North Florida, Virginia, N.C. State, and Mississippi State will be Tennessee's toughest competition."

Tennessee finished the 1998 Tournament of Champions in fourth place. Outstanding performances by the Vols led the team to their best finish at the TOC since 1994, where they also finished fourth.

N.C. State holds many of the tournament records coming into this year's event. The Wolfpack are the defending champions with records for lowest round by a team (274, 1998), and lowest round by an individual (65-James Bunch, 1998). They will look to Senior Carl Petterson, ranked 21st in the nation, for leadership on the links at the 1999 TOC. Petterson finished tied for third at the 1998 tournament with scores of 70-73-70--213.

Andrew Black and the Vols will play host to 15 schools, of which four are ranked in the top 25 in the country.

The Virginia Cavaliers will also give Tennessee tough competition after posting second and third place finishes in their first two tournaments of the 1999-2000 season. The Orange and Blue will be led by James Driscoll, who finished third at Virginia's own Cavalier Classic Sept. 20. Driscoll was also a participant at the 1998 TOC where he placed tied for 36th after shooting five-over-par.

The Vols will look to Senior Derrick Centers (Somerset, Ky.) and Sophomore Andy Brimer (Morristown) for a victorious tournament. Brimer led the Vols at the 1998 TOC with scores of 71-72-70--213, to finish the event tied for third.

"I've been very impressed with Andy's development," said Kelson. "He had an excellent summer, and he's coming out this season with a lot of focus and energy."

The lone senior on the squad, Centers, is showing promise after a stellar performance at Virginia's Cavalier Classic where he finished tied for 10th after rounds of 73-73-71--217, one-over-par. His resume also includes two top 12 Southeastern Conference Championship finishes.

Sophomore Andrew Black will also be a Vol to watch in the upcoming weeks. Black has been a strong finisher for the Vols and has an excellent chance of seeing some play time at the TOC.

The Vols will not have qualifying rounds to determine the team five. Coach Kelson will decide the field for the Tournament of Champions.

"We probably will not have a qualifying round for the TOC," said Kelson. "I want to pick the team based on their consistency over the past few weeks, and in upcoming tournaments."

Tennessee will play approximately six rounds of golf at Holston Hills in preparation for the event. Centers and Brimer have played the course at Holston more than 50 times each.

The Vols hold only one TOC team championship. The title came in 1992, when Jake Reeves fired a 208 to finish second after a playoff for first place. The Vols fired a 285 under rainy weather conditions that shortened the tournament to an 18-hole competition.

The event is open to the public and free of charge. Members of the media are welcome to cover the tournament. Play begins at approximately 8:15 a.m. eastern Monday and Tuesday. The Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions is made possible by the sponsorship of Coca-Cola and Holston Hills Country Club.

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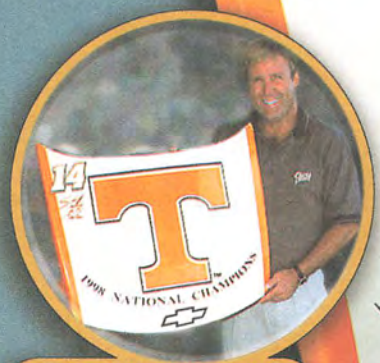

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VASF & MARKETING NEWS

Men's Basketball Parking Applications

The Athletic Development office mailed all basketball parking applications and renewals the week of Sept. 13. Please remit both the application and payment by Oct. 8 to ensure correct and timely processing of your application. Parking passes will again be sent via certified mail. If you have not received your application or renewal, contact Claire Stone in the Development office at (423) 974-1218.

VASF Day Held Oct. 2

The VASF would like to extend a special "thanks" to all donors who attended the annual VASF Day held at Thompson-Boling Arena last Saturday. The food and entertainment were wonderful and a good time was had by all. Thanks, donors; you areindeed the "winning edge" for Tennessee.

Christmas in Puerto Rico

The men's basketball team will venture to the isle of Puerto Rico Dec. 20-23. They want you to come along. This is a charter trip which will include four nights' lodging at the team hotel, round trip air transportation, all motorcoach transfers, gratuities, pre-tournament party and a trip souvenir. For more information, contact Mike Hamilton at (423) 974-1218.

Basketball Full Season Packages and Big Game Packages Available

Help *Crash the Party* this winter with the Tennessee men's basketball team. Coming off back-to-back 20-win seasons, head coach Jerry Green promises another exciting year, from the beaches of Puerto Rico to the hoopla surrounding the NCAA Tournament. The Vols' actions surrounding the turn of the millennium promise to turn some heads. There are two ticket packages available.

The first is the Full Season Pack. This is a season ticket to all 18 home games on the Vols' schedule in 1999-2000, including SEC foes Auburn, Kentucky and Arkansas. Full Season Packs are $208 each.

The other ticket, designed for those who can't make many midweek games, is the Big Game Pack. It includes four games (three on Saturdays) and contains SEC opponents Mississippi, South Carolina, Florida and Kentucky. Big Game Packs are $48 each.

Contact the Ticket office at (423) 656-1200 for ticket brochures and ordering information.

VASF Collegiate Club Corner

The VASF Collegiate Club, comprised of those Tennessee students who are active members in the VASF while still in school, is still at it this week as they helped with VASF Day.

Club members create the various signs that hang in the north end zone and around the rails of the Arena for various Volunteer home events. They also distribute shakers within the student section at all home and within designated Tennessee sections at away contests.

The season started with members distributing 7,500 shakers within the student section at Neyland Stadium for the Wyoming game.

This week, club members operated games, rides and staffed other activities at VASF Day in Thompson-Boling Arena, where nearly 11,000 hungry donors were fed and thanked by the UTAD.

Friday night brought another opportunity for club members to enter Neyland Stadium and place nearly 9,000 shakers in the student section; they also hung the signs of support for the Vols as well.

The 1999 Krystal Tip-Off Banquet

Get ready to tip off the 1999-2000 season with Tennessee head coaches Jerry Green and Pat Head Summitt October 14 at the Thompson-Boling Arena, beginning at 7 p.m. This year's featured speaker will be WNBA president Val Ackerman. The meal will be catered by Calhoun's and more information is available by contacting the Women's Marketing office at (423) 974-0001.

Tickets are $25 per person, or $200 for a table seating eight (seven guests plus a Tennessee player or coach).

Junior Vols

The Junior Vols kids club, sponsored by Chick-fil-A, is growing strong. This is a club designed for youngsters to offer them an opportunity to support the Volunteer athletic program in a unique myriad of ways.

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"Late Night with Pat & Jerry"

The men's and women's basketball teams will tip off their 1999-2000 seasons with another wild "Late Night with Pat & Jerry," scheduled for Friday, Oct. 15, at Thompson-Boling Arena. Admission is free. There will be games, give-aways, contests and autograph sessions leading up to the stroke of midnight. Then both the men's and women's basketball teams will play short scrimmages.

Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions

Tennessee will once again host the twelfth annual Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions at Holston Hills Country Club in Knoxville Oct. 10-12. Fifteen teams, including Tennessee, North Carolina State, Alabama and Virginia among others, will compete for team and individual honors. Admission is free. Contact the Marketing office at (423) 974-1734 for more information.

The Dasani Volunteer Village

This conglomeration of games, vendors, live entertainment and good food did well. The Humanities and Social Science lawn area (across from the Torchbearer) will host this growing event for the Tennessee vs. Georgia game, beginning three and one-half hours before kickoff for each Tennessee home football game (3:30 this weekend).

Come see what all the hubbub is about. Chick-fil-A provides food, Tennessee provides other souvenirs, several live bands, including Tall Paul and Dave Landeo provide entertainment, and Dasani provides several inflatable games and other types of competitive interactive sports challenges for Vol fans of all ages.

— Compiled by Steve Sams

HAYWOOD HARRIS...

Impact of the Bowl Championship Series

Here we go again, barely into October and already under way is the media's dissection of the mechanics of college football's postseason format to decide who will be No. 1.

Dame Fortune smiled on the Bowl Championship Series last year, but whether that fickle lady will be so kind a second-straight season will be determined during the next two months.

If the wins and losses sort out as neatly as they did last year, everything will be hunky-dory. Otherwise, unhappiness and a sense of outrage could prevail in a few college football strongholds around the nation.

The selection process is to an extent a roll of the dice in which the BCS managers couldn't ask for a more accommodating script than the one that unfolded for them last Dec. 5. I remember sitting in the Georgia Dome press box that Saturday afternoon, awaiting the kickoff for the Tennessee-Mississippi State SEC title game.

The media had been contemplating the messy little situation that would arise if the three undefeated teams as of that morning survived the day unscathed. It seemed likely that Tennessee, UCLA and Kansas State would maintain their pristine status.

If that happened, one of the three would be shut out of a chance for the national championship. The media projected the turmoil that would develop in either Knoxville, Los Angeles or Manhattan. At that moment, the future looked none too tranquil for the BCS.

Newspapers were full of speculation that week, conjecturing about the what ifs. The biggest "what if" involved the dilemma the BCS could find itself in at the end of that Saturday night.

But then the BCS sponsors hit on some luck, which is a nice commodity to have around when a maelstrom is about to engulf you. Unexpected events on the gridiron resolved the BCS' problem.

Miami exploited UCLA's suspect defense to produce a Hurricanes victory in Miami, and Kansas State was knocked off by Texas A&M in the Big 12 Conference championship game.

Later that day, the Vols-Mississippi State matchup for the Southeastern Conference championship followed form. Favored Tennessee avoided the carnage that befell the other two unbeatens by unleashing a two-touchdown rally in the fourth quarter to defeat the Bulldogs.

Phillip Fulmer's minions, at that time the runaway team in the nation according to both polls, advanced to the national championship game. The second spot in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl went to Florida State, which had lost early in the season against North Carolina State. Longest removed from defeat, the Seminoles were picked over Ohio State, a late-season loser to Michigan State, and the two teams that had suffered their first defeats that afternoon, UCLA and Kansas State.

Complaints about the BCS method of choosing the national champion were defused for the time being in the rubble of Dec. 5's shocking developments. But will 1999 attain equally happy results for college football's premier attraction? The BCS will need some luck to go with its undisputed earnestness in seeking fair play for all parties.

But Lady Luck is a damsel whose elusive charms can change favorites in the wink of an eye. If conversation and controversy are what fans thrive on, as some suggest, then the fun is about to begin. But will some team be left waiting at the altar come Jan. 4, its cries for justice rendered mute by an inflexible rating system?

As one prominent head coach cogently put it, "I hate the idea of playing a game to please a computer."

Between the Lines

Recent scandals and events in the collegiate athletic field have placed an ever-increasing need for the average fan to have a better understanding of the rules that govern NCAA institutions.

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Our third edition focuses on "Who Is a Prospective Student-Athlete" and that a prospective student-athlete is a person who has started classes for the ninth grade, regardless of his/her eligibility:

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Next week we will look at "What Are Extra Benefits?" and examples of what is considered by the NCAA as an extra benefit.

Until next week -- Keep it Between the Lines.

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Raynoch Thompson...

Earning his place in history

Kiner, Reynolds, Naumoff, Walker, DeLong and Wilson. Soon to be added to that list of outstanding linebackers at Tennessee is Thompson, as in Raynoch Thompson.

The senior from New Orleans has earned the right to have his name listed among the great linebackers to play on the Hill. Thompson didn't know those names when he arrived in Knoxville, but he knows of them now.

"It's Tennessee tradition," Thompson said. "Growing up I wasn't big on Tennessee tradition, but I hear about those guys all the time as some of the best to ever play here. It makes you work harder."

The hard work certainly has paid off for Thompson.

After sitting out his freshman year, Thompson worked his way into the starting lineup at right linebacker. Since then he has been a mainstay on the defensive side of the ball for the Vols.

He led the Vols in tackles last season with 89 and his 19 big plays ranked second only to Al Wilson's 21. Thompson had 10 tackles for loss, two quarterback sacks, caused two fumbles and recovered two fumbles. Two of his big plays from last season were instrumental in the Vols run to the National Championship.

The first came in the second game of the season against arch-rival Florida. On the Gators' first possession of the game, they drove the ball down the Tennessee 3-yard line where they had the ball first down and goal to go. On the next play, a Florida runner took the ball over the right side only to have it stripped by Wilson. The ball came free in the end zone, and Thompson was there to scoop it up. That was one of two fumbles Thompson recovered in the game to go along with 10 tackles in the Vols' 20-17 overtime victory.

Two weeks later, Thompson and the rest of the Volunteer defense made a quite a goal line stand against Auburn down on the Plains.

The Tigers recovered a Tennessee fumble at the Vols 1-yard line midway through the second quarter. They had four chances to get 1 yard and cut the Tennessee lead to seven points.

Two quarterback sneaks later the Tigers still had the ball at the 1-yard line. A handoff to the right resulted in no gain as well. That brought up fourth down. The next play came to the left side and Thompson was in the Auburn backfield to drop the Tiger runner for a 1-yard loss.

"The defense took it as a challenge that Auburn was not going to score," defensive end Shaun Ellis said after the game. "We played it down-by-down as hard as we could. We got a good surge on the line and the linebackers filled the hole."

Most notably Thompson.

"We knew we could stop them," Thompson said after the game. "I was just doing what I was supposed to be doing and coming off the end on fourth down. Every time we practice goal line defense that is what I am supposed to do. We work all year to keep the team out of the end zone."

After a stellar campaign last season, Thompson underwent ankle surgery. It meant that he would not be able to participate in spring practice and he saw limited action during fall practice. Having to watch from the sidelines made him that more anxious to get the season underway.

"I can't sleep at night," Thompson said in the days leading up the season-opener. "I've been eating, drinking, sleeping football. I think people are really going to see my true talent."

The Tennessee coaches had to practically hold him back during the practice sessions.

"Raynoch loves to play the game, and he has a passion for it," defensive coordinator John Chavis said. "You have been able to see that since he walked on campus."

Another change Thompson underwent during the off-season was the addition of 10 pounds of weight. He is playing this season at 230 pounds. The added

weight will help him in his run defense, but he insists he is still fast as ever.

"I wasn't going to sacrifice any speed," Thompson said. "That's something you've got to have to play in our defense. With the type of speed we have at linebacker, we can get out and cover running backs out of the backfield and receivers. That's what makes our front seven so special."

Speed is indeed the name of the game for linebackers at Tennessee. All three of the Vols' linebackers run like track athletes. The other two starters — Eric Westmoreland and Dominique Stevenson — were former running backs in high school who combined for more than 4200 yards as seniors.

"In our scheme, speed is very important," Chavis said. "We put a big premium on it. Raynoch's speed is one of the things that make him a good linebacker."

It takes as special player to be a linebacker at Tennessee. The players in between the down lineman and the secondary are called upon to stop the run, rush the quarterback and drop back in pass coverage.

"You obviously have to have a lot of skills to play linebacker, and Raynoch has tremendous skills," Chavis said. "He is very intelligent. We ask our guys to do quite a bit, and he has been able to handle it quite well.

"When you play linebacker at any level you have to be a special athlete. Sometimes you are going to be defensive lineman and sometimes you are going to be a defensive back. It takes a special guy to be able to do those things."

Rushing the quarterback may be the favorite thing for Thompson to do.

"We like to blitz a whole lot, because if a quarterback feels comfortable in the pocket, he can pick you apart," Thompson said. "We want to get after the quarterback every chance we get. It is a whole lot of fun forcing the action."

Through three games this season, the defense has been solid. The Vols are giving up only 64 yards rushing per contest and have rang up 16 sacks.

The defense faced a big challenge late in the game with Memphis. The Tigers held a three-point lead and had the ball at the Tennessee 6-yard line with less than 4 minutes to play. The first play resulted in 3-yard gain. The second play was an incomplete pass, and on third down the Vols stuffed a running play for no gain. The Tigers had to settle for a field goal and a six-point lead.

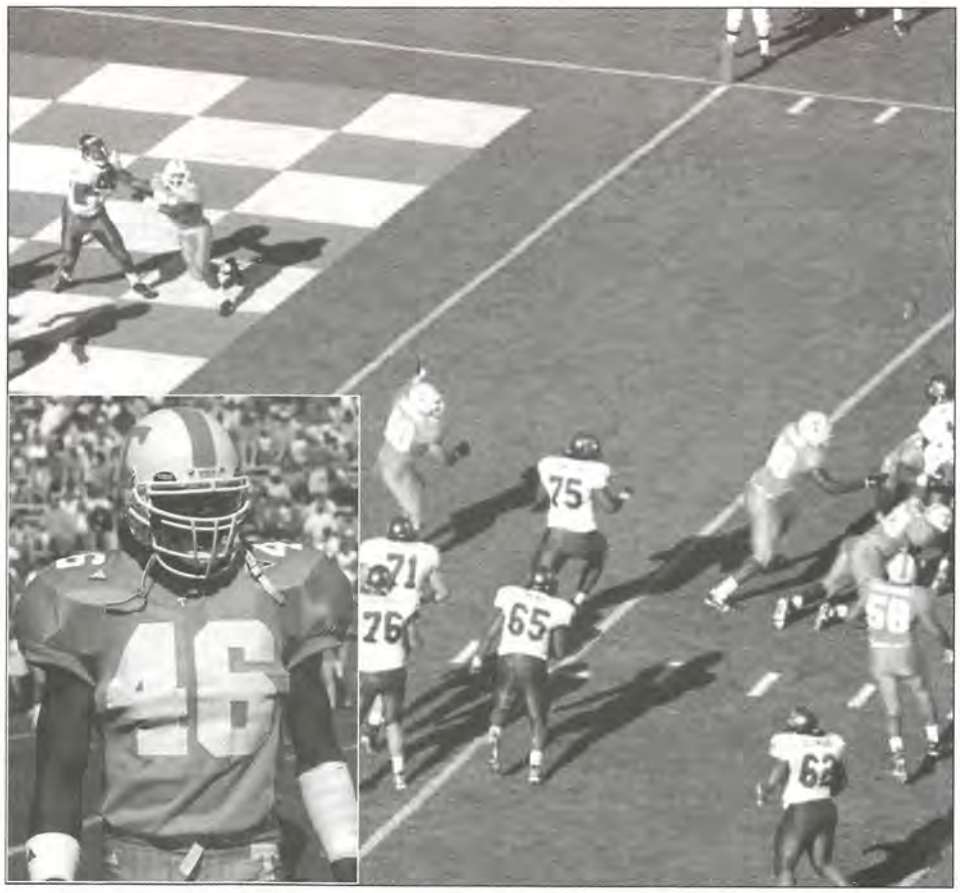
From there, the Vols offense drove down the field to score a touchdown. The ensuing extra point gave Tennessee a 17-16 lead, and later the Vol win.

"We gave up some plays but when we had to stop them to have a chance to win the football game we did," Chavis said. "I'm proud of the effort they gave."

The Tigers still had a minute on the clock to make something happen, but a furious pass rush by the defensive front and solid coverage in the secondary prevented the Tigers from driving down the field.

In the middle of it all was Thompson, doing whatever he could to ensure the victory.

—Rob Hardin



Raynoch Thompson is showing the reason he has been placed on several national awards list. Here he is pressuring the Memphis QB into throwing the pass before he wants to which resulted in a Mikki Allen interception in the endzone.

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	Fum Rec	Fum Cau	QB Sacks	TFL	Ints
1999*	16	12	28	-	-	1	-	-
1998	62	27	89	2	2	2	10	0
1997	45	22	67	1	3	1	5	1
	123	61	184	3	5	4	15	1

*Three games

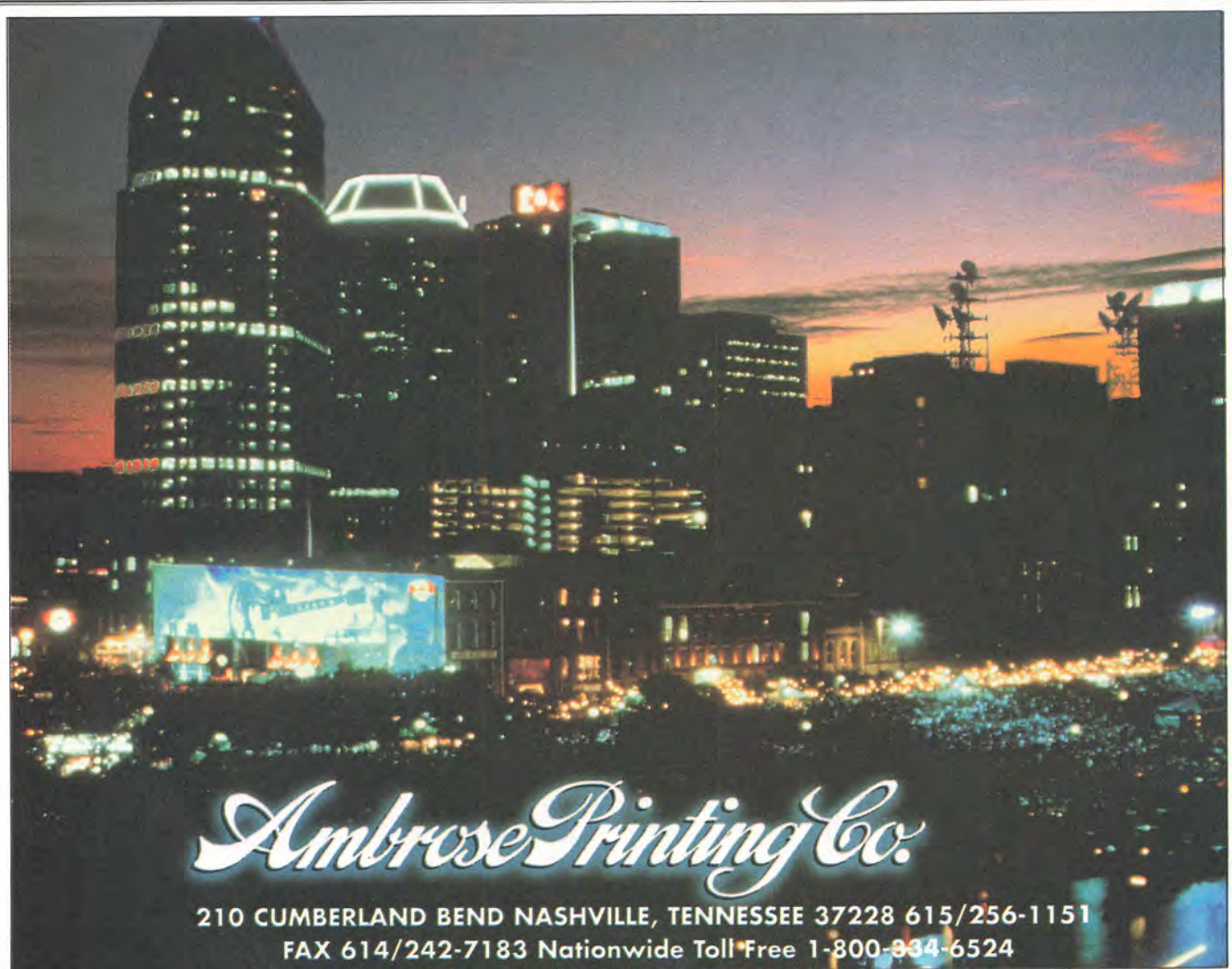
Faces in Big Orange Country

As the golf squad makes new strides to begin the 1999-2000 campaign, a newcomer to the University of Tennessee is making an impact in just his first season. **Andrew Pratt**, a native from Bartlett, came to the Vols after earning All-State honors in both 1997 and 1998. In his short time at Tennessee, he has placed in both tournaments the Vols have participated in. In his first tournament as a Vol he helped Tennessee to an eighth-place finish with rounds of 76-78-70-224, which was good enough for a tie at 31st position. At the Cavalier Classic he finished tied for 23rd with a three-round score of 72-75-73-220 to aide the Vols to a third-place finish, as the Vols carded their first even par for the first time since 1995.

After earning Second Team All-SEC honors last season, junior forward **Laura Lauter** is once again among the Lady Vol leaders in scoring. The Farragut (Knoxville), native leads head coach Charlie MacCabe's club with five goals and netted two scores in wins over Marquette and UNC Asheville. In her Tennessee career, Lauter holds school records in points (65), goals (25) and assists (15). A speech communications major, she also earned Academic All-SEC accolades in 1998 while being named to Soccer Buzz Magazine's All-Central Region Second Team and was Third Team All-Central by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Christy Baird, a standout freshman recruit from West High School in Knoxville, Tenn., is looking to make an impact in her first season with the Lady Volunteers' cross country squad. A three-time Tennessee high school state champion in cross country (1996-98), Baird finished in 17th-place overall (19:15.00) in her first collegiate race at the Western Carolina Invitational on Sept. 4. Two weeks later, she improved her finish and time at the University of Tennessee Invitational by taking fourth-place overall and clocking in at a time of 18:25.58 in the 5K event. Baird is majoring in early childhood development and has strong ties to Tennessee, as both her parents and three siblings attended Rocky Top.

Last season the Vol tennis squad pulled a few surprises on the Sec and the rest of the country as some seasoned veterans coupled with some good young talent propelled the Vols into the top 20. **Adam Carey**, from Brisbane, Australia, has already posted upset wins over top-ranked competition. At the T. Rowe Price ITA Clay Court Championships in Baltimore, Md., Carey knocked off No. 18 James Shortall of Ole Miss and No. 19 Peter Luczak of Fresno State before falling in the consolation bracket. Upon his arrival in January of 1999, Carey posted a 20-6 overall record and 11-3 in SEC competition, including winning his last six matches including the SEC tourney and NCAA Regional play.



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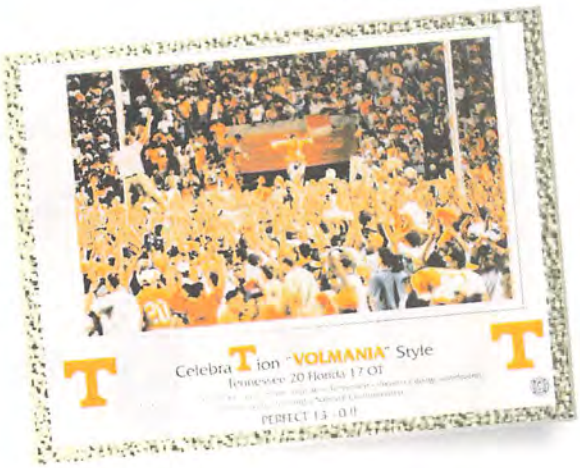

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MEMORABLE EVENTS AND PEOPLE

What with the advent of a new century coming up, the staff here at the publishing empire came up with a number of significant and memorable people and events which have shaped UT football over the years.

It's been a time of triumph and tragedy, of big wins and hard-to-take losses, a time of memorable moments by young men in Orange and White.

Here's a look from 1907 though 1969. We'll cover the period from 1970 on in our next issue.

Cheerleading on campus was begun by Red Matthews in 1907. The 1914 game marked the Vols' first win over Vanderbilt and was a major step in winning the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association title, the Vols' first crown in football. Shields-Watkins Field opened in 1921 and the Vols first wore orange jerseys in 1922. Capt. Neyland arrived in 1925, became head coach in 1926 and things haven't been the same since. Nathan Dougherty, a Vol of 1906-09 vintage, was later named to the College Football Hall of Fame.

In 1928, Gene McEver took the opening kickoff back 98 yards for a score against Alabama and the Vols were on their way to being a national power. Later that same year, the UT Alma Mater was written by Mary Fleming Meek.

In 1932, Beattie Feathers and John Cain had a spirited punting duel in the rain at Legion Field in Birmingham, with the Vols winning 7-3. It was a game that epitomized defense, the kicking game and field position football. Tennessee's record was 76-7-5 over Neyland's first great era from 1926-34.

Bobby Dodd, McEver, Herman Hickman and Feathers were named to the College Football Hall of Fame. Hickman found fame and fortune as a professional wrestler, head coach at Yale, a member of the inaugural staff at *Sports Illustrated* and as a much-in-demand public speaker across the country. Dodd was inducted into the College Hall of Fame for his playing days at Tennessee and for his coaching career at Georgia Tech.

Tennessee captain Jack Stroud (28) meets with Texas captains Bubba Shands (11) and Dick Rowan (54) before the 1951 Cotton Bowl. The referee is Ray McCulloch.

When Major Neyland returned from the Canal Zone in 1936, he led the Vols to SEC titles in 1938, 1939 and 1940, teams led by Hall of Famers Bowden Wyatt, George Cafego, Bob Suffridge and Ed Molinski. The 1939 team did not give up a point in the regular season, the last team to do that in major college football.

Tennessee tailback Johnny Butler made the era's greatest run, a serpentine 56-yarder against Alabama in 1939.He ran behind the second team line to the south end of Shields-Watkins Field.

When Neyland went off to World War II after the 1940 season, the Vols were coming off a 43-7-3 record from 1936-40.

The Vols still hold an NCAA record for consecutive scoreless quarters (71), stretching from the second quarter of the 1938 LSU game through the second quarter of the 1940 Alabama game. From 1938 through 1940, the Vols were 31-2.

When Gen. Neyland came home from World War II, the Vols won the SEC title in 1946 and later the national championship in 1951. Tailback Hank Lauricella was the 1951 Heisman runner-up and had a memorable 75-yard run in the 1951 Cotton Bowl against Texas.

Lauricella, Doug Atkins and John Michels were Hall of Fame selections from that era. The 1952 Vanderbilt game marked Neyland's final appearance on the Vol sidelines. His record from 1946-52 was 54-17-4, and his overall record was 173-31-12.

In 1953, the Rev. William C. Brooks provided the first of eight coon tick hounds named Smokey following a Pep Club contest to determine an appropriate Vol mascot.

Wyatt came home as Vol head coach in 1955 and had no bigger win than the 6-0 triumph over Georgia Tech at Grant Field Nov. 10. The game was later named the second greatest contest of all time by the Associated Press.

Gene Etter ran out of his shoe en route to the game-winning TD against

THE STOP: Tennessee 's Bill Majors (44), Wayne Grubb (61) and Charley Severance (14) make the critical stop on LSU's Billy Cannon in the 1959 LSU game.

Mississippi in 1958 and Wyatt led the Vols to major upsets in 1959, a 3-0 decision over Auburn and a 14-13 win over LSU, a game marked by the stop of BiIly Cannon at the northeast corner by Bill Majors, Wayne Grubb and Charley Severance. It was the Vols' last triumph of the 1950s.

Tailback John Majors, who led the Vols to the 1956 SEC crown and was runner-up in the Heisman Trophy voting, was a College Football Hall of Fame selection.

The year 1962 saw the death of Gen. Neyland in New Orleans and the dedication of the stadium in honor and memory at the Alabama game Oct. 20.

That day, the west upper deck was opened and funds collected for the Neyland Scholarships, grants for collegiate study for non-athletes.

A year later, Mallon Faircloth became the last single-wing tailback at Tennessee. He ran for 179 yards in the 1963 season finale against Vanderbilt. That same day, trustees and Athletics Board members debated the direction in which the Vol grid program was heading.

The times were changing on the Hill as Doug Dickey and the "T" formation arrived in time for the 1964 season, but the key play of that season was a goal line stand at LSU, led by Outland Trophy winner Steve DeLong. It also had taken Alabama five downs inside the 1 to score a few weeks earlier. The foundation was being laid.

The 1965 season was marked by an 8-1-2 record and Bluebonnet Bowl win over Tulsa, with a major story being the death of assistant coaches Bill Majors, Charley Rash and Bob Jones the Monday (Oct. 18) after the Alabama game (a 7-7 tie which really felt like a win).

It was Rash, the Vol offensive line coach who had written his troops two nights earlier: "Play like that the rest of the season and you'll go undefeated."

The 1965 season also saw the "Rosebonnet Bowl" in Memphis, a 37-34 Vol win over UCLA that saw Dewey Warren score the game-winner in a wild offensive shootout.

In 1966, Elizabethton's Johnny Mills caught seven passes for 225 yards in the Kentucky game Nov. 19, a single-game yardage record which still stands 33 years later.

Led by All-America center Bob Johnson, the Vols won the SEC in 1967, a season highlighted by a 27-13 win over Auburn and a 24-13 win over Alabama, a triumph engineered by third-string quarterback Bubba Wyche. Albert Dorsey made three interceptions in the fourth quarter against the Tide and earned All-America honors that season.

The Vols overcame a number of seemingly-crippling injuries for a 9-1 mark and Orange Bowl berth against Oklahoma.

The Vols opened the 1968 season on Tartan Turf on Shields-Watkins Field and the first game was the now-classic 17-17 tie against Georgia that saw the Vols grab the deadlock with a touchdown and two-point conversion after the final horn.

The 1969 team, led by All-America linebackers Steve Kiner and Jack Reynolds, also garnered the SEC crown. Curt Watson had 197 yards against Georgia in his sophomore season.

DeLong, Johnson, and Kiner have since been named to the College Football Hall of Fame.

NEXT WEEK: A look at the 1970 season, with new head coach Bill Battle, and the campaigns to follow, up through the 1998 national championship.

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